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My dearest Johnny: —

Today I received your lovely letter of May 7th and you can well imagine how happy I was and am!!

You sound in good spirits but I guess underneath you're feeling not so gay. The battle of Okinawa is tough, from all newspaper and radio reports. Over the radio, all we've been hearing lately has been about the 6th Div. struggle for Naha¹, so all I can say is that I hope you're okay and may God Bless You.

Thank you very much for the Nipponese money. I wish I could go out there and spend it with you and Walt. At least I could keep you both company, eh!

Listen, honey, I am not a glamour girl or anything like that—just an average American Girl so please don't "dream" me into a Lana Turner, although I wouldn't mind too much, really. I believe I told you in my last letter but here goes again. I am now working in the Hotel Plaza as private secretary to the manager. It is a very nice position; wonderful environment; and nice employers. Happy? Yes!

You gave me a lot of interesting information about Okinawa and I really appreciate it. I'm saving all clippings about this battle. I wish the Nip planes wouldn't come when most of you boys are sleeping and better still, I wish they would not ever come. I always said that my ambition is as follows. "I'd like a Jap who wanted to commit hari-kari (I don't know if I spelled that right) ask me for the knife! I'd give it to him—right in his body!" This may sound unfeminine but who cares about that nowadays!!

I hope V-E day, or the termination of hostilities in Europe, will help you boys in the Pacific! By the way, I wonder if your brother will have enough points to be discharged? As you probably know, vets of European theater are to be discharged if they have 85 points, determined on length of service, wounds, battles and family ties! This only applies to soldiers in Europe.

I am very well and I hope you are also. Nothing new has happened here so thus I haven't any news to disclose! Oh, wait, I don't think I told you of my theater party. A few weeks back, my sister and I went with a group to N.Y.C. where we had dinner in the Hotel Biltmore, a really lovely place. Then we saw the stage play "Bloomer Girl!" It was very, very good and concerned women's switch from hoope (sic) skirts to long bloomers and the vote. It was romantic and dramatic and even funny!! Nice!

¹ **Naha**—Capital city of Okinawa.

That's all for now and I promise to write more often from now on. Take care of yourself.

Love & Kisses,x x

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